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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97 and 1.56, the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the following disclosures made herein, which include:

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### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1),

- ☐ each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign or international patent office in a counterpart foreign or international application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

### RELATED CASES

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The Examiner is further respectfully requested to return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column.

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